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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference INT00110D	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/NOOO/00219	International filing date (day/month/year) 22.06.2000	Priority date (day/month/year) 23.06.1999
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC7 G 02 F 1/01		
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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

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 - II Priority
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 - V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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 - VIII Certain observations on the international application

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/NO00/00219

I. Basis of the report**1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*** the international application as originally filed the description:

pages _____, as originally filed

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pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

 the claims:

pages _____, as originally filed

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 the drawings:

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2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: _____ which is:

 the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)). the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)). the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).**3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:** contained in the international application in written form. filed together with the international application in computer readable form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form. The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished. The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.**4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:** the description, pages _____ the claims, Nos. _____ the drawings, sheet/fig _____**5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2 (c)).****

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item I and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-13	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-13	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-13	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The claimed invention relates to a method and an assembly for elimination or reduction of signal fading in optical interferometer networks.

The invention is intended to solve the problem of polarization induced signal fading, and where the method can be used to interrogate WDM, TDM or SDM networks.

The solution according to the invention comprises modulating the polarization state, receiving the signals from different paths and processing by determining the phase difference between the signals.

Documents cited in the International Search Report:

US 5173743
US5351124
US4897543

The cited documents describe fiber optical interferometers with polarization fading control.

However, none of the documents describe a device for reduction of signal fading by determining the phase difference as defined in the claims.

Accordingly, the claimed invention fulfils the requirements of novelty (N), inventive step (IS) and industrial applicability (IA).



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NOTICE INFORMING THE APPLICANT OF THE COMMUNICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION TO THE DESIGNATED OFFICES

(PCT Rule 47.1(c), first sentence)

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

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1. Notice is hereby given that the International Bureau has communicated, as provided in Article 20, the international application to the following designated Offices on the date indicated above as the date of mailing of this Notice:
AG,AU,BZ,DZ,KP,KR,MZ,US

In accordance with Rule 47.1(c), third sentence, those Offices will accept the present Notice as conclusive evidence that the communication of the international application has duly taken place on the date of mailing indicated above and no copy of the international application is required to be furnished by the applicant to the designated Office(s).

2. The following designated Offices have waived the requirement for such a communication at this time:

**AE,AL,AM,AP,AT,AZ,BA,BB,BG,BR,BY,CA,CH,CN,CR,CU,CZ,DE,DK,DM,EA,EE,EP,ES,FI,GB,GD,
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 The communication will be made to those Offices only upon their request. Furthermore, those Offices do not require the applicant to furnish a copy of the international application (Rule 49.1(a-bis)).

3. Enclosed with this Notice is a copy of the international application as published by the International Bureau on 28 December 2000 (28.12.00) under No. WO 00/79335

REMINDER REGARDING CHAPTER II (Article 31(2)(a) and Rule 54.2)

If the applicant wishes to postpone entry into the national phase until 30 months (or later in some Offices) from the priority date, a **demand for international preliminary examination** must be filed with the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date.

It is the applicant's sole responsibility to monitor the 19-month time limit.

Note that only an applicant who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State which is bound by Chapter II has the right to file a demand for international preliminary examination.

REMINDER REGARDING ENTRY INTO THE NATIONAL PHASE (Article 22 or 39(1))

If the applicant wishes to proceed with the international application in the **national phase**, he must, within 20 months or 30 months, or later in some Offices, perform the acts referred to therein before each designated or elected Office.

For further important information on the time limits and acts to be performed for entering the national phase, see the Annex to Form PCT/IB/301 (Notification of Receipt of Record Copy) and Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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0-2	International Filing Date	22 JUNI 2000 (22.06.00)
0-3	Name of receiving Office and "PCT International Application"	 PATENTSTYRET Storting for det industrielle register ► PCT International application
0-4 0-4-1	Form - PCT/RO/101 PCT Request Prepared using	PCT-EASY Version 2.90 (updated 10.05.2000)
0-5	Petition The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty	
0-6	Receiving Office (specified by the applicant)	Norwegian Patent Office (RO/NO)
0-7	Applicant's or agent's file reference	INT00110D
I	Title of invention	ELIMINATION OF POLARIZATION FADING IN UNBALANCED OPTICAL MEASURING INTERFEROMETERS
II	Applicant This person is:	applicant only
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II-6	State of nationality	NO
II-7	State of residence	NO
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III-1-4	Name (LAST, First)	RØNNEKLEIV, Erlend
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V	Designation of States	
V-1	Regional Patent (other kinds of protection or treatment, if any, are specified between parentheses after the designation(s) concerned)	
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V-5	Priority designation Statement In addition to the designations made under items V-1, V-2 and V-3, the applicant also makes under Rule 4.9(b) all designations which would be permitted under the PCT except any designation(s) of the State(s) indicated under item V-6 below. The applicant declares that those additional designations are subject to confirmation and that any designation which is not confirmed before the expiration of 15 months from the priority date is to be regarded as withdrawn by the applicant at the expiration of that time limit.		
V-6	Exclusion(s) from precautionary designations	NONE	
VI-1	Priority claim of earlier national application		
VI-1-1	Filing date	23 June 1999 (23.06.1999)	
VI-1-2	Number	1999.3135	
VI-1-3	Country	NO	
VI-2	Priority document request The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) identified above as item(s):	VI-1	
VII-1	International Searching Authority Chosen	Swedish Patent Office (ISA/SE)	
VII-2	Request to use results of earlier search; reference to that search		
VII-2-1	Date	23 June 1999 (23.06.1999)	
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VII-2-3	Country (or regional Office)	NO	
VIII	Check list		
VIII-1	Request	number of sheets	electronic file(s) attached
VIII-1	4	-	
VIII-2	Description	13	-
VIII-3	Claims	4	-
VIII-4	Abstract	1	optopla1.txt
VIII-5	Drawings	4	-
VIII-7	TOTAL	26	
VIII-8	Accompanying items	paper document(s) attached	electronic file(s) attached
VIII-8	Fee calculation sheet	✓	-
VIII-16	PCT-EASY diskette	-	diskette
VIII-17	Other (specified):	Office action of 19.01.00	-
VIII-18	Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract	1	
VIII-19	Language of filing of the international application	English	

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International application No.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-13</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-13</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-13</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The claimed invention relates to a method and an assembly for elimination or reduction of signal fading in optical interferometer networks.

The invention is intended to solve the problem of polarization induced signal fading, and where the method can be used to interrogate WDM, TDM or SDM networks.

The solution according to the invention comprises modulating the polarization state, receiving the signals from different paths and processing by determining the phase difference between the signals.

Documents cited in the International Search Report:

US 5173743
US5351124
US4897543

The cited documents describe fiber optical interferometers with polarization fading control.

However, none of the documents describe a device for reduction of signal fading by determining the phase difference as defined in the claims.

Accordingly, the claimed invention fulfils the requirements of novelty (N), inventive step (IS) and industrial applicability (IA).



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